

## **Murrindindi Shire set to host two Jayco Herald Sun Tour stages**

The Jayco Herald Sun Tour will once again hit Murrindindi Shire's picturesque but challenging roads in the first weekend of February with two stages set to travel through the Shire.

Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor Charlie Bisset said she's thrilled the Shire will again be involved in this iconic road cycling event, where Australia's best, take on the world's best, racing through the region.

"This year Stage 3 of the Tour will kick off in Nagambie on Saturday 3 February, and we'll see the teams racing across Murrindindi Shire culminating with a 20km hill climb before a sprint finish to Lake Mountain Alpine Resort," Cr Bisset said.

"Stage 4, on Sunday 4 February, will see our Kinglake Ranges come alive as thousands of spectators flock to the roadsides and the finish line to cheer home the winners of the Tour's final stage."

Cr Bisset said the final stage of the Jayco Herald Sun Tour will be broadcast live to audiences around the world.

"Seeing our Shire as the backdrop for this iconic event is a fabulous opportunity. The television coverage for the Tour has been demonstrated to drive visitation, as viewers and spectators are shown the cycling and tourism offer.

"There will be plenty of great viewing opportunities along the course route – and further details will be available in the coming weeks. Updates will be provided on Council's website at [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au)," she said.

The Tour Village area in Kinglake will feature market stalls, mobile catering, community activities and entertainment.

Vendor opportunities are available for businesses and community groups and we are also keen to hear from groups or individuals interested in providing entertainment or other complimentary activities. If you would like to get involved please visit Council's website to complete an expression of interest or call 5772 0333.

Council will be working closely with GTR Events, VicRoads, Victoria Police and the CFA to ensure the cyclists', spectators' and the community's safety. This will include making temporary changes to traffic conditions and vehicle access in certain areas of the Shire while these Stages are being run.

Exact times and details will be available in the coming weeks and will be updated on Council's website; however, access through Kinglake on the final day of the Tour will be restricted.

If you would like to receive updates on activities and plans for the Jayco Herald Sun Tour please visit Council's website and register to receive our E-News updates. You can also follow us on Facebook.

For further information about the Jayco Herald Sun Tour go to [www.heraldsuntour.com.au](http://www.heraldsuntour.com.au).